

EI-2317

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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K. Street NW
Washington DC. 20423
Attention: Finance Docket No.34797

RE: New England Transrail, LLC d/b/a/ Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway Construction.
Acquisition and Operation Exemption In Wilmington and Woburn MA

Dear Ms. Johnson Ball:

This community cannot be put at any further risk. As a concerned citizen I would like to offer my comments regarding this issue:

- 1) The project will severely impact heavily populated areas in both Wilmington and Woburn. There are dense residential neighborhoods at both ends of Eames Street, and along the entire length of Route 38 in Woburn. Areas south of the site are dense residential zones.
- 2) The Olin Chemical site is not remediated and the extent of contamination is not fully understood yet. The site should remain undeveloped until its contamination issues are understood and resolved.
- 3) The EPA has listed this site as National Priority Superfund Site. This agency cannot consent to any development until the site is fully investigated by them
- 4) 400 trucks a day will be a hazard on our streets since the majority of the area surrounding the site is residential and we are unprepared in the event of a liquid or solid waste spill. The new onramp built for Route 93 is too narrow for safely transporting materials in trucks.
- 5) Two (2) elementary schools, a daycare center and large senior housing complex are located in North Woburn on Route 38 and the high number of truck activity will have an enormous impact on an already overburdened roadway.
- 6) There are many families living off Woburn and on Eames Streets in Wilmington with many children.
- 7) Noise generated by the immense grinding operation will be an unbearable nuisance to the nearby densely populated areas of North Woburn and South Wilmington.
- 8) Odor and pests from the municipal solid waste which will be handled at the site will impact nearby homes

This area has had its share of environmental injustice. We have 2 landfills, 3 Superfund sites; Industri-plex, Wells G & H and now Olin Chemical all within close proximity of each other.

Sincerely,

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